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The British brig *Fairy Queen* left Bangkok, with light S.W. and variable winds, with heavy squalls at times from N.W.; passed Pulo Obi on the 4th May. On the 6th passed Pulo Shepata, had West and N.W. squalls with heavy rain; on the 7th, encountered a high Northerly sea; on the 8th instant, in lat. 12 N., and long. 111 E., encountered a heavy N.W. breeze, veering S.W. and S., bar. 29.64, tremendous high sea, vessel hove to; 9th, fine weather with S.E. breeze kept away and crossed the Macclesfield on the 16th. On the 18th, in lat. 10.40, N., and long. 113.30 E., spoke the Siam barque *Contest*, from Bangkok bither; had experienced a hurricane. On the 8th, in lat. 14 N., and long. 111 E., carried away the main mast at the fist-stock band, and the fore topgallant mast, mizen topmast, jibboom, and lost boat.

The Ned. barque *Isaac de Costa* reports on the 7th instant, in lat. 12.20 N., and long. 111.24 E., encountered a severe gale of typhoon character, commencing at N.N.W. and N.W. This gale lasted until the 9th, veering through W. to S. with a very heavy cross sea, in which the ship laboured and opened her seams; lost canvass, and every thing about the deck. The sea continued for three days after the gale had broken. On the 6th instant, in lat. 11.47 N., long. 111.5 E., exchanged signals with the Ned. barque *Susanna Johanna* from Newcastle to Japan, 162 days out. Also the Ned. barque *Idana*, from Singapore bither. On the 10th May, in lat. 13.20 N., and long. 114.12 E., exchanged signals with the British barque *Cruiser*, from Siam bither, with loss of everything above the futtock bands, of fore and mainmasts; did not report anything, except to be reported.

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HONGKONG.

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6 " 3 " "
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VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

1f 10921 Hongkong, 1st January, 1869.

AGRA BANK, LIMITED.

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Solicitors.—Messrs. ARTHUR, MORRIS & Co.

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Head Office.—HONGKONG.

Secretaries.—MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.

THE Company having been Registered under the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and its Shares allotted, will be prepared to accept Risks against Fire, on buildings and merchandise Stored therein, at the current rates, on and after March 1st, 1870.

Twenty per centum of the profits of the Company will be distributed annually as a Bonus among Contributing Shareholders, proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., *Secretaries.*

1f 309 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANY'S ORDINANCE, No. 1, OF 1865.

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H. HUGHES, *Manager.*

2, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, 30th April, 1870. 1f 789

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, on my $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $3 per Share on which $60 have been paid, is payable on and after THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

1f 235 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, 1,500,000 TAELS SHANGHAI STORE, OR 3,000 SHARES OF 500 TAELS EACH. *Paid up Capital*, Tls. 500,000, or Tls. 100 PER SHARE.

Court of Directors:—F. A. GROOM, Esq., of Messrs. Glover, Dow & Co. R. W. LITTLE, Esq., of Messrs Little & Co. T. PROBST, Esq., of Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co. J. B. ROBERTSON, Esq., of Messrs Bull, Purdon & Co. J. F. H. TRAUTMANN, Esq., of Messrs Trautmann & Co.

Head Office, Shanghai.

Secretaries, pro tem., TRAUTMANN & CO.

Counsel to the Company, N. J. HANNEN, Esq., *Barrister at Law.*

London:—COMMITTEE OF THREE DIRECTORS. *Agents*, Messrs. ROBT. BENSON & CO.

Agents—In Hongkong.....Messrs. WM. PUSTAU & CO. " Hankow.....F. MAJOR, Esq. " Foochow.....Messrs. JOHN FOWLER & CO. " Yokohama..... " ASPINALL, CORNES & CO. " Singapore..... " HAMILTON, SMITH & CO.

THE Company will commence business in January next, or as soon after as the Directors shall have been enabled to allot the Shares.

The Company will be a permanent one.

The Net Profits will be divided every year as follows: 30 per cent. will be returned as Bonus to all Contributors of business, rateably in proportion to the amount of Net Premia contributed. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital will be paid to the Shareholders, and the Balance of the Net Profits carried to the Reserve Fund.

When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 300,000, the Net Profits will be divided as follows: 50 per cent. to all Contributors of Business; 20 per cent. to the Reserve Fund; and 30 per cent. to the Shareholders.

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Intimations.

PROSPECTUS OF THE FOOCHOW DOCK COMPANY.

CAPITAL $200,000, IN 2,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH.

$50 per Share to be paid on allotment.
$25 " " " 3 months after allotment.
$25 " " " 6 " " "

Present Directors.

M. LE BARON DE MERITENS, Commissioner of Customs.
JOHN FORSTER, Esq., of Messrs. John Forster & Co.
With Power to add three to their Number.

General Agents, pro tem.

MESSRS. JOHN FORSTER & Co., FOOCHOW.

Superintendent.

CAPTAIN JOHN C. SKEY.

THE scheme has been fully discussed by the Foochow Community, to whom it was in the first instance submitted, and who generally appreciate its advantages, but require outside funds to assist in carrying it through. At a general Meeting, a special Committee of five Gentlemen was elected to investigate and consider the project. The Report furnished was highly satisfactory, and was supported by a Survey Report by competent authorities upon the condition of the Dock and Premises.

The object of the Company is to take over from Mr. JOHN FORSTER the Dock at the Pagoda Anchorage, known as the *Foochow Dock*, with the property and machinery attached, valued together at $130,000, and also the Tug-Steamer *Woosung*, valued $10,000. The remaining $60,000 will be used for the purchase of stock and materials (of which a considerable quantity is on hand, and is offered at cost price); for the improvement of the establishment; and for the purchase of an additional Tug-Steamer; in accordance with the recommendation of the special Committee for working the whole to best advantage.

By arrangement with Mr. JOHN FORSTER, the Company will take over the property to be purchased from him, from the 1st January of the present year; from which date all profits on the business are to accrue to them, while he shall receive interest at the rate of 9 per Cent. per annum on the amount of purchase money, until paid up.

The Company will be managed by a Board of Five Directors, Two of whom are now elected, with the power to add three more to their number. Three will retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.

The funds of the Company will be entirely under the control of the Board.

A statement of accounts will be submitted at a Meeting of the Resident Shareholders, to be held annually, when a dividend will be declared.

Applications for Shares, in the annexed form, to be addressed to Messrs. JOHN FORSTER & Co., Foochow, who will act as General Agents until all are allotted.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment thereupon, will constitute the applicant a shareholder in the Company.

The third of settlement will be duly prepared, and copies will be furnished to the Shareholders when ready.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of the FOOCHOW DOCK COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to *Shares of $100 each in the above Company;* and agree to accept such Shares or any less number, you may allot to and to pay the Calls thereon; and to authorize you to place my name on the Register of Shareholders for the Shares allotted.

Your obedient Servant,

Full Name and Address .....
of the Applicant .....
Date.....
Foochow, 7th March, 1870.

REPORT ON THE PROJECTED DOCK SCHEME.

FOOCHOW, 12th February, 1870.

When it was lately proposed by Mr. John Forster to transfer his interest in the Dock at Pagoda Anchorage to a public company, the community of Foochow, taking the proposal into consideration, appointed a committee of five gentlemen, for the purpose of investigating the merits of the scheme, and of reporting to the community the result of their investigations.

The Committee so appointed has had two objects in view: 1st, to ascertain by actual condition of the Dock; 2nd, to consider after a careful examination of the books if the scheme was likely to prove a remunerative one.

As far as the first point is concerned, the committee is satisfied that the Dock at Pagoda Anchorage is in excellent order and full worth the value placed upon it. Two competent men uninterested in the scheme, have at the request of the committee, surveyed the Dock thoroughly, viz: Captain Hiabee, Divisional Inspector of the Maritime Customs, and Captain Shaw, one of the Surveyors established at the Anchorage, whose report will be found appended. Captain Davidson, Commander H.M.S. *Hornet*, has also kindly allowed the use of his name in support of the statement of the above-named gentlemen, having himself taken the trouble to make a careful survey of the property. The Committee has therefore no hesitation in endorsing the conclusion arrived at by the surveyors, and in declaring themselves satisfied on the first point before them.

Regarding the second point, a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Maclen and Dalrymple has been deputed to examine the books, and to report to what extent they might find it practicable to reduce the actual expenses of the Dock. Their report shows that during the two years ending 30th June last, over which their examination extended, all the materials for the steamer and at the Dock had been bought at Foochow. The Committee therefore may with confidence affirm that a considerable reduction might be effected under this head. They would have the same opinion to give regarding the purchase of other materials necessary for the working of the Dock which it appears from the books were nearly all purchased in Hongkong and on the spot, at a probable average cost of at least 15 to 20 per cent. above the cost of direct importation. As regards salaries, &c., of the staff, the Committee is satisfied that the reduced scale sanctioned by the Superintendent, Captain J. C. Skey, can be carried out without impairing the efficiency of the concern.

The Committee is therefore of opinion, that it would not be unreasonable for the shareholders to expect a Dividend of 15 to 18 per cent. on their investment; and as the capabilities of the Dock become better known, an even larger return might be looked for.

Should the scheme meet with sufficient support, it is proposed to form a company with a total capital of $200,000, to be raised in 2,000 shares of $100 each; of which $50 is to be called up at once, a further $25 at the expiration of three months, and the remaining $25 at the end of six months. With this capital, the actual establishment might be improved, a second and strong Tug-boat might be purchased, and a balance of between $30,000 at $25,000 would still remain to work the Dock.

It is hardly necessary for the committee to allude to the importance to the company of undertaking the Towage of the Port. The account shows of the working of the steamer *Woosung* during the past two years, speaks for itself; and the purchase of a second Tug-boat, would, it is believed, go far to secure the monopoly of this business.

Many other improvements which might be effected by a new company, would, no doubt, tend to increase the annual dividend of the shareholders; but such details the committee feel should be in the province of the future Directors to determine.

Mr. Forster has offered to allow the new company to take over the Dock and steamer *Woosung* from the 1st January, 1870; all the profits from that date going to the credit of the company, and he to receive interest at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum from that date until the purchase money be paid up. Considering that about $4,000 have been collected during the past month, and that a contract for extensive repairs has been entered into with the *N. G. Bark Sampan*, the proposal cannot be regarded as otherwise than a fair one, and to the benefit of the new company. All questions of detail, and petty disbursements incurred subsequently to 1st January, 1870, might be left to be arranged by the Board of Directors with Mr. Forster, on the understanding that the amount thereof should not exceed $1,000.

The Committee, having now fulfilled the duties imposed upon it by the community, it rests with the Public to decide how it be favorably disposed, to inaugurate some scheme, such as that above proposed, by which a company might be at once formed to undertake the working of the business.

BARON DE MERITENS,
L. O. MASSEN.
F. TEMPLE.
M. L. DALRYMPLE.
H. S. HANCOCK.

SURVEY REPORT OF THE FOOCHOW DOCK.

The undersigned having been called upon by the Baron de Meritens to survey and report upon the Foochow Dock, report as follows, viz:—

We find this Dock in a thorough good working order and condition: it has a good stone foundation; the two lower terraces are also of stone, and the upper sides are well piled, &c. We find the Caissoon in a good efficient state, strongly built of iron bark; sides and deck of Oregon pine; bottom and some of the side planks of iron bark; bottom metal sheathed. The Caissoon is perfectly water-tight and well fitted with pumps and clinces, &c. The Dock has apparently no leaks, is well and properly fitted with good blocks of iron bark wood. Engines and pumps tried in our presence are found be in first class order. There is a Whitworth's Lathe and some good serviceable machinery useful for repairing steamers, &c. Blacksmith's shop with three forges well serviceable for the repairs of ships, &c., but the building is not in proper order. The Dock has a good Engine House, good Godowns, and Timber sheds, and a large and good supply of Timber. Spars, &c., and all necessaries for the requirements of the Dock.

(Signed) E. L. SHAW,
Surveyor.
for the Yangtsé and Union Insurance.
(Signed) A. L. HIABEE,
Divisional Inspector.
Td 917 Foochow, 25th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from Hongkong, Mr. DANIEL WARES SMITH is authorised to sign my name per procuration, and Mr. GEORGE FALCONER has consented to act as my Attorney.

W. H. BELL.

Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 12th May, 1870.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Tuesday morning at 10.30, and the last newspapers left the office at 10.42.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, MAY 18TH, 1870.

THE new Shanghai paper, the *Cycle*, which has been sat on foot, if report is to be credited, chiefly with the object of giving utterance to the peculiar tenets of the HART-BURLINGAME school of politicians, launches in its first number, with great boldness, into the very midst of the China question—that troubled sea, in which so many sound intellects have been irretrievably lost. Under the title of "the situation in China," it publishes an article, which is reproduced on the fourth page, embodying arguments which show considerable talent, but disfigured by a great deal of that peculiar ingenuity, which always gives evidence that a writer or speaker is aware that he has rather a weak cause to advocate. The salient features of the present political situation in China are fairly enough set forth, and the question is very justly narrowed to that of the time and manner in which China should advance, it being taken for granted that it is felt by all classes of thinkers that she is bound to adopt extensive reforms, both in her internal administration and her relations with other countries. So far, there is nothing to which exception can be taken. All, who have studied the China question, will be prepared to admit that it is simply one of degree; that it would be as foolish for foreign nations to expect that the whole Chinese empire can become transformed in the space of a few years, as for the Chinese to imagine that they can resist all change and doggedly refuse to adapt themselves to the altered circumstances, which have been brought about by their intercourse with foreign nations. Having so far stated the question with fairness and perspicuity, the writer in the *Cycle* steers clear of all the conclusions to which the facts would naturally lead, by shifting his point of view to ten centuries hence. By this means he makes it appear to the limited number who may be supposed incapable of seeing through so transparent an artifice, that it is really of very little importance whether China commences to advance a century or two sooner; and having succeeded so far, he then points out how long she has been in her present defective state, and leaves it to be inferred that it will be of very little consequence whether she continues in it a little longer. In fact, the argument used is the familiar consolation which people at times take to themselves with respect to private misfortunes: "It will be all the same a hundred years hence"—a view of the subject which would be extremely satisfactory if it did not happen that it is precisely the mean time which is of most importance. What Dr. DE MONGIN said of Baron VON GUMPACH may perhaps with propriety be said of the writer in the *Cycle*—"VON GUMPACH is a clever man, but time is short." It may be a very amusing exercise of ingenuity to speculate on results a thousand years to come; but this is scarcely the way to arrive at any useful conclusions with regard to the political situation of China, or of any other country. The question is not speculative, but practical; not one for mere philosophical disquisition, but one involving problems, which will have to be solved far sooner than in a thousand years, a question rapidly assuming great and urgent importance in Europe and America—in all parts of the civilised world. If nothing more can be arrived at with respect to its solution than the bare conclusion that it does not much matter what is done, as China is sure to progress sooner or later, it must be worse than useless to discuss it, and those who wish to obtain definite ideas concerning "the situation" may be pardoned if they desire to come somewhat nearer the subject.

There are, dependent upon the action taken with respect to the China question, immediate and practical issues in which no nation is more interested than China herself. The last ten years have widely extended her relations with Western nations, and, as if bent upon rendering her situation more difficult, she has, by the despatch of the BURLINGAME Mission, called active attention to a question, which but for that circumstance might have been left in abeyance at least for a considerable time. Her internal organisation is defective to such a degree that the Government finds it difficult to maintain its rule, and declares itself unable to fulfil the obligations to foreign nations, which it has entered into by Treaty. These are plain matters of fact, and can scarcely be ignored in favour of general disquisitions as to what may be the state of affairs a thousand years hence. Thoughtful men on all sides, not only foreigners, but Chinese, see clearly that the only safe course for China to adopt is to take steps to advance gradually, to make terms with foreign nations of such a nature that she may at one and the same time reform the administration of the country and introduce material improvements. The idea that any who have given a thought to the subject, imagine that China should be entirely changed in one or two years is completely unfounded, and those who argue on a supposition so monstrously absurd, are only fighting with a shadow. But it is fairly claimed that the time has come when China should be called upon to adopt a more reasonable policy towards other nations than continuing to exclude them as outer Barbarians, and it is claimed with equal force that the excuses, which existed for such a course thirty years ago do not exist now, as the Chinese have had practical opportunity of discovering that the advent of foreigners under proper rules and restrictions is not attended with danger or disorder, but, that, on the contrary, at the places where they have settled down, the native government has become strengthened and consolidated. Those who are desirous to further the true interests of China will do better by endeavouring to show at what points she can make common cause with foreign nations than by dilating upon those at which she diverges from them. To say merely, the Chinese misunderstands us and we misunderstand the Chinese, will not advance matters very far. There are a vast number of points which can be explained and arranged to the satisfaction of both sides; and it is far more wise and practical to discuss how individual difficulties can be removed or adjusted, than to argue, as though it were likely foreign nations would allow themselves for an indefinite time to be denied rights which are accorded by all civilized countries. If the China question were met in this spirit upon both sides, the difficulties of which so much is said would be found, in reality, of no very formidable nature. There is no desire on the part of foreigners to ask more than has already been accorded to them; than it is reasonable and fair should be conceded; or than is quite as much to the interests of China, as to those of Western nations. No more fatal advice can be given to the Chinese than that which encourages them to put off action for an indefinite period. If they are unable to carry out the Treaty provisions to the full, let them honestly point out where they require assistance or forbearance, and it will not be found impossible to come to a reasonable understanding. But so long as their only desire is to evade their responsibilities, they will naturally find it hard to meet them. The solution of the matter rests entirely with the Chinese. The China question is in reality no new problem. It is one which has been solved often enough before. We are not now for the first time demanding the concessions of reasonable international privileges. This has already been done over and over again, and the result has been proved to be simply this, that whenever the Chinese have shown themselves willing to act fairly and honestly with foreign nations, difficulties, which before seemed insuperable, have vanished; and, on the other hand, when they have persevered in a course of obstinate opposition and disingenuous evasion, they have thereby accumulated a series of grievances, and made it at last necessary to obtain by force what they have steadily refused to reason and to justice.

The Straits papers appear to be in much doubt as to the truth or otherwise of the rumour that Mr. Deane has been appointed Commissioner of Police for the Straits Settlements. The *Gazette* says "it is reported, but it does not vouch for the statement;" the *Argus* "hears" that the appointment has been made.

We understand that a court of inquiry will be held on the arrival in England of Captain A. C. F. Hosmage from China, respecting some affairs which took place at the Cape between that officer and Captain N. B. Bedingfeld, of H.M.S. *Gladiator*.—*London and China Herald.*

According to the home papers, there now appears no doubt that the Convention entered upon by Sir Rutherford Alcock will not be ratified. The *London and China Express* of April 8th, also states that the right of the Chinese to establish a Consul in Hongkong has been abandoned by the Foreign office, adding that the first breach has been made, and the fall of the entire fabric must follow, but that nothing will be made known officially until after the arrival of Sir Rutherford Alcock, who has reached Paris (via Brindisi), and would probably be in London on the 9th.

There is a great deal too much of the "tar up" principle in the junior Police Magistrate's decisions. In a case yesterday, a constable charged a shoemaker with obstructing the public way by mending shoes in the road, and the Chinaman made a defence such as is made every day and every hour of the day by Celestial delinquents, that the policeman owed him a grudge on account of his charging him for treading his boots, whereupon Mr. Russell dismissed the prisoner, and fined the constable one dollar. Now, what does this decision mean? If the constable really was guilty of bringing a malicious charge, because his boots were not mended for nothing, or, in other words, adopting a system of extortion, he surely deserved more severe punishment than a fine of a dollar; if he was innocent, he ought not, according English Law, to be punished at all.

The *Straits Times* of the 6th inst. gives the following particulars concerning the loss of the *Helen Nicholson*:—Information has been received here of the loss of the British ship *Helen Nicholson*, of Liverpool, 718 tons burthen, on the 7th ult., on Prince's Island, Straits of Sunda. The *Helen Nicholson* was bound from London to Shanghai with a general cargo, and was totally lost. The wreck and cargo was sold on the day, in Batavia, for 28,600 guilders, but when the purchaser went to endeavour to save some of the cargo, it was found that the ship had driven in among the breakers, bilged on her beam ends, and it was impossible to get near her. The master, Capt. Halliday, proceeded home by the last French mail.

The above paper also contains the following interesting items of shipping news:—

The steamer *Niger*, formerly of the Diamond line, was loading at Bombay for the Straits and China, and was expected to leave about the 2nd or 3rd instant.

The two largest P. and O. steamers on this side—the *Deccan* (3,128 tons), and the *Hindostan* (3,113 tons), will come on to China and Japan for the silk season.

We learn that the steamer *Nile* had passed through the Suez Canal, and arrived at Aden before P. & O. steamer *Simla* left. The *Nile* is said, had been five days ashore in the Canal, and had been obliged to discharge a portion of her cargo into lighters, which were towed astern.

A private letter received here, dated Bombay 28th April, speaking of the Suez Canal, says that the M.I. steamer *Imperatrice* had lost all the blades of her screw, and was in dock at Alexandria getting a new screw on. The P. & O. steamer *Nubia* (2,935 tons) had made the passage of the Canal safely, on a draft of 18 feet 11 inches, but was long in getting through, owing to the way being blocked up by steamers.

A GOOD INVENTOR.—A "down-east" Yankee has recently invented a rat exterminator, consisting of a sort of powder snuff. The animal jerks his head off at the third access.

STRANDING OF A COOLIE SHIP.

The *H. D. Mandelsloh* of 20th April says:—On the 21st April at 9½ a.m., the Italian Coolie ship *Italia*, Captain Warnga, stranded on a reef about 2 miles from Anjer. The vessel came from Macao, and was bound to Havana, and had 500 Chinese coolies on board. The tardy and effective efforts of Mr. Schept, who had every assistance afforded him that the Assistant Resident could give, succeeded in conveying a rope on board, and by so doing was the means of saving the greater part of the crew, and most of the coolies. On the following morning, the mast fell overboard, and the ship consequently broke in two. According to a telegram received on the 23rd instant, 372 persons were saved. Thirteen Chinese dead bodies were washed ashore and buried."

SINGAPORE.

The *Straits Times* of May 6th has the following:—

On the 2nd inst., by order of His Excellency the Governor, a Special Criminal Session was held for the trial of Captain Warakin, master of the North German barque *Marie Helena*, charged with having caused the death of a Chinese boy on board his vessel. The boy had been struck with a hammer thrown by the captain at the second officer; the skull was fractured, and death ensued several days after. Though the Magistrate had committed the prisoner for trial on the capital charge, murder, the Grand Jury brought a bill for manslaughter, and the petty jury found him guilty, but strongly recommended him to mercy, owing to the great provocation he had received from the second officer, for whom the blow was intended,—it having been proved that the two had been quarrelling for some time, and that such a number of missiles had been thrown by both parties before the one that had so fatal a result. The Chief Justice in passing sentence, said that he was very willing to consider the recommendation to mercy, and therefore imposed merely a nominal punishment, viz., three months imprisonment in Her Majesty's Jail. Singularly enough, the Chief Justice had forgotten the law passed at the last session of the Legislative Council, prohibiting the naming of any place of imprisonment in a sentence, and next morning he had the prisoner brought back to Court, and changed the sentence to three months simple imprisonment.

An alligator, upwards of nine feet in length, was this morning caught in the Serangoon river, and taken in a bullock cart to the Central Police Station, in order to obtain the Government reward, which is, we believe, five dollars.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE J. RUSSELL, Esq.

May 17th.

THE DISCOMFORTS OF MONEY CHANGING.

Fung Aman, money-changer, was charged with the unlawful possession of a certain gold piece, value $2. A Manila man, named S. Balmeria, stated that he had given the prisoner, his boy, Leong Akong, to get some fruit. The boy thought it was a ten cent piece, and obtained for it 130 cash. He bought some oranges, and converting the remaining cash into cents, returned with 6 cents to his master, who made no remark till the following day, when he suddenly discovered that the coin was a gold one. The defendant remembered nothing of the transaction referring to the same house-letting transaction in the preceding. The plaintiff stated that there was some collateral verbal agreement relating to repairs in the house, not in any way connected with the written agreement as to the lease. As the plaintiff did not speak English, he made the agreement through an interpreter who was unable to attend in Court, in consequence of the impending departure of the M. I. steamer *Donnai*, both plaintiff and interpreter being engaged in the office of the M. I. Company. The case was adjourned till Thursday.

LEONG ACHONG v. LOW ATUK—$14.03.—In this case, relating to the payment of Messrs. McDonald's workmen, Mr. Francis stated that $22.94 was the amount paid by the plaintiff on defendant's account to the men. The question that now arose, was whether, if the plaintiff obtained a decree, the men might not assert that he had not paid them at all, and claim against the defendant. In fact, Mr. McDonald said there were men prepared so to claim. Under these circumstances the money was ordered to be paid into Court, and the question as to who should get it was referred by consent to arbitration. The other portion of the claim regarding money previously due to the plaintiff by the defendant was also referred.

J. DE SOUZA v. PAULO WASH—$9.00, on an unstamped promissory note. Note impounded, summons dismissed.

PAULO WASH v. J. DE SOUZA—$11.60, for certain goods (old shirts, blankets, and the like) supplied to the defendant two years ago. As this was meant as a set off to the foregoing action, plaintiff agreed to waive the question until the defendant De Souza should bring another action, in case he should do so. Summons accordingly "dismissed without prejudice."

CHOY KUM CHUNG v. MOHAMMED—$10.00, for balance of two months' rent at $25.50 a month, $3 having been paid. The point in dispute was the time for which the rent was due. The defendant sold a month and a half, but admitted he had left at the end of that time without giving notice. Decree for the plaintiff.

In the following cases judgment went by default:—W. Driscoll v. R. S. Pinto, $1.00; same v. I. M. da Silva, $14.53; same v. P. da Cunha, $3.45; Abdool Raymon v. Abdool, $3.05; same v. Hyder Ali, $1.40; same v. Jaffer, $8.50; Lee Ahun v. Lee Aleong, $5.83.

The following were settled out of Court:—W. Driscoll v. P. Barros, $3.52; Cheong Ahu v. M. M. O. Rodrigues, $6.60.

THE LOSS OF THE "DUNMAIL."

A Court of Inquiry was held yesterday, at 10 a.m., to enquire into the loss of the steamer *Dunmail*, on Sunday, the 8th instant. The Court was composed of the following gentlemen:—C. May, Esq., Senior Police Magistrate; H. G. Thomsett, Esq., Harbour Master; the Hon. H. B. Gibb, Esq., J.P., and Messrs. Lockie and Gillson, Hong Kong mariners.

P. Thomson, Master Mariner, after having stated the circumstances under which he made the land, said that he passed the Narrows of the Lyeemoon Pass about 4 p.m. on the 8th inst., the ship being under topsails. Had been in Hongkong four times, always in command, and had never met with any Pilot, was himself in charge of the ship; produced the chart by which he was going. No. 1,962 of 1845, corrected to '62. Lost sight of the land at times during the rain squalls, but could perceive it sufficiently to shape the courses. Did not have any cast of the lead. Had no knowledge of any rock lying outside of that which was above water, and which he observed through the loom. Whilst intending to round to near the rock, had not observed the *cross* marked on the Chart; had he observed this cross would have given a wider berth. Had not used any magnifying power, was under the impression that the cross was a speck or spot on the chart. He was on the quarter deck when the ship struck; at this time the rock above water was nearly abreast of the ship. Had given orders to the mate to haul in the starboard head braces, preparatory to rounding-to. The ship struck about 4.30 p.m. stern on, and commenced to fill at once; as she filled she slipt off from the rock upon which she struck, and went down in 13 fathoms aft and 11 fathoms forward. The crew were taken off by the boats of other ships.

Upon cross-examination, he stated that he considered he was pretty well acquainted with the harbour of Hongkong; had entered both by the Lyeemoon pass and by Green Island on previous voyages without a pilot. Had kept the Kowloon side on purpose to have more room in rounding-to and selecting a berth for his ship. Could not see on account of the heavy rain squalls two ships length. Saw the United Docks and shipping in the harbour, and lost sight of them again. Believed he had the ship more under command keeping on that side of the harbour, with more room for rounding to; intended to anchor close to the police station, or as near as might be found convenient. The wind was about E. or E. Northerly. As soon as he found the squalls made anchoring among the shipping imprudent, had determined to round to and anchor as soon as convenient; the mate was already heaving the fore-yard up. Before the rain squall he had seen Kowloon Point and a little on the Fort Bow. Had a meridian altitude on the day of arrival. The official log was not saved.

John Stitle, mate of the *Dunmail*, has a master's certificate. The second mate and he keep the watches. On Sunday, the 8th, the captain was in charge of the deck in the afternoon; was in Hongkong last year as mate of the same ship; the weather was thick in the rain squalls, the wind about East, could see the land by either side when the ship was running through the Lyeemoon pass under topsails, going about seven knots; after going through, there was no one stationed where pointed, but we are not a look out for the land. Saw a rock above water while yet before the beam, about six feet above water, and about 400 or 500 yards off; had no cast of the lead; the lead lines were kept on the break of the poop ready for use; was ordered to place forward by the master on Port-tack, did not see whether the ship's head moved, was so wrapping when the ship struck, she commenced to fill instantly, and sank after about three quarters of an hour. The captain had taken to the poop. The *Dunmail's* complement was 24 all told. Did not know of the existence of any rock outside that one seen, did not see the land on the port-bow. Before entering the Lyeemoon Pass, the captain had called him aft, and instructed him about the points of land passed.

Oliver Young, able seaman, nine years at sea, five years able seamen, was at the wheel after 2 p.m., one of the lads was there also, until about 4.30, the lad had been made just before he relieved the wheel; the weather was thick and squally, with heavy showers of rain, was wet through, when the ship struck she was under three topsails, the wind was right aft, the ship steered easily, could see the land distinctly; saw a rock a point on the starboard bow, while running down after passing the Sail Rock, the ship going about seven knots, the ship's head when she struck was N.W. to W., the rock was then from one point to two points on the starboard bow. Has been in Hongkong before; had seen Kowloon Point before the ships became visible, had rain squalls, sometimes longer sometimes shorter in duration, it was never clear, but could see the land and shipping almost all the time, the Kowloon Point was about five points on the port bow when the ship struck. Called the captain's attention to the rock when he first saw it, the captain had his charts on deck. Inside the Lyeemoon Pass, a boat hailed the ship to know if a pilot was wanted; the captain answered the hail from the starboard mizen rigging, saying, "No." The mate was occupied trimming sails. Immediately after he had called the captain's attention to the rock the second time, the order was given to brace up. The rock was then about two ship's lengths. When he called the captain's attention to the rock the first time, the captain had said "it was a boat. The yards were being braced when the ship struck. It was very shortly after he had called the captain's attention the second time, that the vessel struck. Witness could see the shipping clearly. The ship went down about an hour after striking. Had told the captain there was a flat outside the rock visible; this was after he had said "it was a boat." Had known the existence of this flat from being over in the Union Dock on a previous voyage.

George Carpenter, an apprentice in the *Dunmail*, four years at sea last February, performed ordinary seaman's duty, went to the wheel on Sunday, the 8th, a little before 4 p.m., relieved a boy who was there, was at the port helm, the captain was on the poop, and had his chart in use. The ship was hailed by a boat a good distance off, when the Lyeemoon pass, in sight of the ship, but did not know what was said from the boat, and did not hear any reply. During the rain squalls it would come so thick that it was as much as they could do to see the land, but not so as to say rock until very shortly before the ship struck. Kowloon Point was on the starboard bow as the ship was being steered previous to her striking. Left the wheel five minutes before the ship struck, was then aloft, furling the mizen top-gallant-sail, it was from that he had first seen the rock. During the time he was at the wheel did not hear any observation addressed by Oliver Young to the captain.

James Dalgleish, second mate of the *Dunmail*, second mate's certificate 91,451. London, Nov 8th, 1869, was on deck when the ship struck on the 8th, but was not on the poop at all. The weather was squally with rain enough to wet a person before the ship came through the pass, the land was sufficiently clear to allow any one to pilot the ship, the captain was piloting the ship. While hauling in the starboard fore brace was on the top-gallant-sail, saw the rock about three points on the starboard bow, just before a rain squall. Had no recollection of passing any boats inside the Lyeemoon pass.

Oliver Young, A.B., recalled, heard two boats hail after passing the Lyeemoon, there were several of the crew looking over the rail at the time, a boat came alongside (the first boat) and asked if a Pilot was wanted, and the captain said "No," the second boat afterwards was hooked on by the staff, some one said, "If you book on here I'll cut your rope." The apprentice left the wheel as soon as the shipping was visible to me, the Captain remarked at the time that he could not see them.

—Bagshaw, an A.B. of the *Dunmail*, stated was standing keeping a look out on the jutting shaft the night-heads before the ship came through the narrows of the Lyeemoon Pass, passed boats at anchor in the Pass, heard a boat hail the ship, but could not hear what was said. The weather was squally and in the squalls was very thick.

Alexander Taylor, master of the *Sir William Wallace*, stated that he was on board the *Victoria*, and on her poop with the captain of the *Club Alpine* and *Victoria*; there was one very heavy shower, during which time it was so thick that they could not see anything until it cleared up, and then they saw the ship *Dunmail* on the rock, went off immediately, and during the time occupied in going off, the ship was again obscured by a heavy rain squall.

Captain Robert H. Cairns, Government Surveyor in Hongkong, stated that on Sunday, the 8th instant, he had observed the *Dunmail* to be on shore from the verandah of his residence, where he had been walking up and down after 4 p.m. with a friend who had taken tiffin with him, they were walking up and down sheltering themselves from the occasional squalls of rain under the lee of the verandah wall, but at last one squall came which lasted nearly three quarters of an hour, and drove them inside; when they resumed their walk in the verandah he observed a vessel as he believed on shore. As to the time, when his friend made a movement to leave, he had extinguished, saying, it was not late, and on taking out from the pocket a watch, and stopped—upon comparing watches, he found that it was 5.30 p.m. Previous to the squall he had not observed the *Dunmail* entering the harbour.

For the purpose of testing the evidence of those examined upon oath, some eight or ten of the crew were called in, and questioned upon the subject of the boat, or boats, said to have been placed by the ship, and to have offered their services from alongside, and to have been discharged by the captain, and by some one who had used threats, both there was combine that that could be said in any manner, however indifferently, to establish the fact as asserted so broadly by Young. A boat there was, and a hail there proved there was, but what was said, not any one was prepared to state.

Captain Thompson denied in the most distinct manner possible ever seeing, hearing a word from, or receiving any answer to, any boat, and also ever having had any conversation with, or hearing any remark as to the rock, from Oliver Young, the man at the wheel.

The Court was then cleared.

THE NATIVE OPIUM QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—It is almost surprising that any one can have penned a letter so completely wrong, both in its premises and its conclusions, as that from your correspondent "Tau," on the question of the competition between native and Indian Opium. In addition to the mass of other argument and fact, which you point out, "Tau" is wrong according to his own showing. He states that during the past six years there has been an increase in both the quantity and the value of Indian Drug, while he gives figures which show a marked falling off in both, although it is well known that the consumption has not diminished. As you point out, he has greatly on the necessity. Applying his argument even only to the years 1863 and 1869, as those during which it appears the Native Opium has come into extensive consumption, it is beyond doubt that an increase in the importation would have taken place consequent upon an increased demand, but for the competition of the native Drug which has driven the opium out of many country. The Chinese object to more, and hence the Indian opium suits them.

Mrs. Brecher Stowe is one of the authors of a new book intended to teach the "proprieties" to young ladies!

ANYTHING BUT THAT.—"Bad luck to the lawyers," exclaimed a disconsolate suitor to his witness. "No, no; don't wish them bad luck for they thrive on misfortune."

An Irishman a short time in America was eating boiled green corn. After eating off all the corn, he passed the cob back to the lady who sat at the head of the table saying, "Would you please be so kind as to put some more beans on the stalk."

THE EFFECT OF ELECTRICITY UPON BLOOD.—Professor Neumann, of Konigsberg, in studying the action of electricity upon the animal organism, has recently found that under the influence of powerfully-induced currents the white blood corpuscles of the frog swell up. Between their walls, which become very smooth, and the interior granular nucleus, a free space is left, and the granules of the nucleus manifest rapid movements.

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GALLE, May 2nd.

The Imperial steamer *Hoogly* left Aden for Galle yesterday; first May, at ten o'clock in the morning. H.M.S. *Galatea* Capt. H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, will leave Trincomalie on Thursday evening.

ALEXANDRIA, 30th April.

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ADEN, April 5th, 6 P.M.

The steamer *Chiffera* arrived at noon to-day from Suez, with Capt. Halpin on board.

The *Great Eastern* will leave Aden for England via the Cape on Thursday, the 7th inst.

ADEN, April 10th, 4.35 P.M.

Yesterday the mail steamer *Sumatra* left for Bombay at noon; and the *Mogdala* in the evening.

The S. S. *Delaware* also passed to the eastward.

The P. and O. steamer *Mongolia* from Suez and *Behar* from Bombay, have arrived, and left, the former for Calcutta, and the latter for Suez.

ADEN, April 13th, 8.40 p.m.

The S. S. *Asia* has arrived here from Bombay, and left for Marseilles at five o'clock this afternoon.

The S. S. *Crosby* has passed the port, bound eastward.

The Turkish steamer *Belina*, from Constantinople, has arrived here.

LACONIC.—A wit being requested to say a good thing, laconically responded "Oysters."

MR. Disraeli is about to publish a new novel, to be called "Tedium."

A Boston gentleman has invented a rat-trap which kills the animal instantly, throws its body in the air, and sets itself for another victim.

The aggregate estimated amount of import duties reduced and repealed from 1849 to 1869 is set down at £23,632,640 in a Parliamentary return just issued.

HIS PREFERENCE.—Lord Derby cherished the traditional devotion of his party for good old port. Once a wine merchant sent him some Amontillado to try, with the recommendation that if he drank nothing else he would never be troubled with the gout. "I have tasted your sherry," wrote Lord Derby, "and prefer the gout."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG, MAY 17TH, EVENING.

There has been a weaker feeling in the drug market throughout the day, owing to the slackness in the native demand. The following are the ruling prices:—New Patna, $457½ cash sellers, New Benares, $457½ to $460, sellers; Malwa, $630, market not opened; Patna, 4th and 5th sales, on the 4 weeks' time, $457½ to $460 sellers.

In Raw Cotton sales consist of 171 bales Bombay at $23.50 per picul, 81 bales at $23.00 per picul, 500 bales Kurrachee at $22.25 per picul, 135 bales at $22.50 per picul, 30 bales at $21.50 per picul, 100 bales Calcutta at $21.25 per picul; total 1,117 bales.

Cotton Yarn: Assle of 10 bales common 28/32 at $139 is the only one to be recorded. Grey Shirtings, sales have been 1,000 pieces, 7lbs. at $2.87½, 1,000 pieces 8lbs. at $2.60, 2,000 pieces 8lbs. to Arrive, at $2.87½, White Shirtings, 300 pieces (72 reed) are reported sold at $3.35. T-Cloths, 500 pieces "Eagle," 7lbs. at $2.10, Long Ells, 360 pieces $7.95 The market is inactive, with a small remaining demand for Yarn and Shirtings.

Metals:—Sales have been 200 tubs Steel at $4.00, and 50 flasks Quicksilver at $63.50. Straits Produce: 800 piculs Sapanwood at $1.10 to $1.30.

Shares:—Sales and quotations, 50 old Banks at 39 premium for 30th June; New, firm, at 25 premium cash; 7 Hongkong Fires at $205 premium for 12th June; buyers at $192½ premium cash, no sellers; Victoria Fire, buyers at $34 premium cash, no sellers; three mills, sellers at $27 premium for 30th June; China Fire, 5 shares at $37½ premium for 30th June.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/6 to 4/6½

Credits, at 6 months' sight..... 4/6½ to 4/6½

Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight..... 4/6½

Bank Bills on demand..... 4/4½

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, 3 days' sight..... 75

Private, 30 days' sight..... 76

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 220

" BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 220

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old ..... 37 prem.

" New ..... 25 prem.

H'kong & W'poa Dank..... 5 dis.

H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares..... 34 prem.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. The. 4 prem.

China and Straits Steam Navigation, par. nom.

China Sea, Saigon, and Straits S. S. Co..... par. nom

Union Insurance Society of Canton..... $1,500, ex. div.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares..... $1,650 to $1,700 prem.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares..... $192½ prem. per s.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares..... $24 prem.

China Fire..... $35 prem.

China & Japan Marine Insurance The. 10 prem.

Hongkong Gas..... $50 prem.

Hongkong Hotel Shares..... 63 to 65 dis.

Jardine Chinese Sugar Co., $6 to $9 prem. per s.

Hongkong Distillery Co..... $40 prem. per s.

SALES ON 17TH MAY, 1870.

As reported by Chinese.

Fortunate Sulphur, 50 bags, at $6.80, by China-Cheong to Hongkong merchant.

Dried Lily Rushes, 30 bags, at $7.00, by Chun Cheong to Canton merchant.

Sapanwood, 3,000 piculs, at $1.31, by Tong Wo Cheong to Hankow merchant.

Sugar-Candy, 15 piculs, at $10.71, by Tong Wo Cheong to Hongkong merchant.

Dried Lily Flowers, 30 bags, at $10.05, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling merchant.

Seaweed, 100 piculs, at $4.50, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling merchant.

Grey Shirtings, 8 4lbs. 1,800 pieces, at $2.90, by foreign merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Grey Shirtings, 7lbs. 1,000 pieces, at $2.60, by foreign merchant.

Cotton Yarn, No. 30, 10 bales, at $139.00, by foreign merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Bombay Cotton, 40 bales, at $22.40, by Parsee merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Bombay Cotton, 60 bales, at $22.40, by Parsee merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Bombay Cotton, 81 bales, at $23.00, by Parsee merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Bombay Cotton, 52 bales, at $22.75, by Parsee merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day established themselves in this Colony under the Firm or Style of

D. L. NORONHA & CO.,

as Auctioneers and General Commission Agents.

DIOGLECIANO L. NORONHA.

BAZILIO LOPEZ.

1m 814 Hongkong, 2nd May, 1870.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established a branch of our House at Hankow.

The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. NIRIAN CRAWFORD, in our Hongkong firm, ceased on the 31st March last, and Mr. JOHN FAIRBAIRN and Mr. JOHN SAMUEL COX have been admitted partners therein from the said day.

Our said firm now consists of DAVID ROBERT FENTON CRAWFORD, JOHN SAMUEL COX, and JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

3m 842 Hongkong, 4th May, 1870.

HOTEL D'EUROPE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. J. CHIBARRY in our firm, ceased on the 31st of March last.

E. ESTARIGO & Co.

MR. J. DEFRIES is admitted a partner in our firm, from the 1st of April, 1870.

E. ESTARIGO & Co.

1m 734 Hongkong, 18th April, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. S. FRANKES, in our Firm, ceased on the 25th of April, 1870.

FARRELMANN & FISCHER.

MR. G. FARRELMANN will carry on the Business on the same premises, under the Style and Firm of FARRELMANN & Co.

1m 805 Hongkong, 30th April, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCIS GILMAN has been duly authorized to sign our Firm in China and Japan.

GILMAN & Co.

3m 813 Hongkong, 1st May, 1870.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.

D. MUNRO.

tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW was admitted a partner in our Firm on the 1st of January last.

TURNER & Co.

tf 522 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BIERN and Mr. JOHANNES F. CORNIS are admitted Partners therein from this date.

Mr. F. LANCKEN and Mr. C. W. SIEGFRIED have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

W. PUSTAU & Co.

6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.

L. PRICKER & Co.

tf 2002 Hongkong, 31st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DASA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

tf 1168 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. R. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.

C. LANGDON DAVIES.

tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE German steamer

"VULCAN,"

A. F. Christensen, Master, will meet with quick dispatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

tf 900 Hongkong, 17th May, 1870.

NOTICE.

OWING to the inclemency of the weather, the departure of the Spanish Barque *Santa Ana* for Manila, has been unavoidably postponed until THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BRANDAO & Co.

6d 895 Hongkong, 14th May, 1870.

FOR SHANGHAI

THE Steamer

"VENUS,"

will have quick dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 965 Hongkong, 16th May, 1870.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

THE Company's Steamer

"LABOURDONNAIS,"

Capt. Fossbe, will be dispatched for

YOKOHAMA (*Direct*),

shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

C. BERTRAND,

tf 843 Hongkong, 9th May, 1870. *Principal Agent.*

FOR BORDEAUX.

THE French Barque

"MYSORE,"

Capt. Henry, now loading at Nagasaki, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 15th June.

For Particulars, apply to

FREDERIC DEGENAER.

tf 885 Hongkong, 16th May, 1870.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish Barque

"ENCARNACION,"

Gardogui, Master, will have quick dispatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

tf 879 Hongkong, 12th May, 1870.

FOR MELBOURNE, (*direct*).

THE British ship

"JOSHUA BATES,"

will have quick dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ROZARIO & Co.

tf 670 Hongkong, 8th April, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American ship

"SARDIS,"

Capt. Cunningham, will have dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

2m 687 Hongkong, 4th April, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American ship

"WITCH OF THE WAVE,"

Captain Batchelder, will have quick dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 215 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE A 1 French Barque

"MALACCA,"

Rivet, Master, of 470 Tons Register.

Apply to

FREDERIC DEGENAER.

tf 899 Hongkong, 16th May, 1870.

ROYAL HOTEL.

THE Undersigned having purchased the interest of the above establishment, begs to notify the Public of Macao and Foreigners visiting this Colony, that it having been now greatly improved in every respect, and quite newly painted and fitted with every convenience, and business facilities increased, affords superior accommodation for the coming summer, and is the only establishment of the kind now existing in this place, he hopes most respectfully to recommend it to the public patronage.

L. A. DE GRACA.

Macao, 1st May, 1870.

WITH reference to the above, I hereby declare that I do not hold myself responsible for any debts previously contracted by the former Proprietors of the above named establishment.

L. A. DE GRACA.

1m 843 Macao, 1st May, 1870.

NINGPO PILOT COMPANY.

MASTERS of Vessels bound to Ningpo, are informed that the Pilot Cutters *Naomi*, *Alarm*, and *Dido* will be found on the cruising ground in Chin-san Channel.

F. W. GALLES, *Agent.*

23rd April, 1870. [3m 800

GEORGE GLASSE,

(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO KINSFORD & Co.,) PICCADILLY LONDON, AND 28, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS),

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN CHEMIST VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

SHIPS' MEDICINE-CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REFITTED.

tf 2036 Hongkong, 3rd September, 1867

NOTICE.

LES Bureaux du Consulat de France sont actuellement transférés au No. 4, Alexandra Terrace.

Pour le Consul de France, le Chancelier,

CH. L. DE LA FOREST.

tf 510 Hongkong, 14 March, 1870.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel's Name	Captain	At	For Freight Apply to	To be Dispatched.
BORDEAUX	Mysore	Henry	Hongkong	Frederic Degenaer	Onor about the 15th June.
SAN FRANCISCO	Witch of the Wave	Batchelder	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Sardis	Cunningham	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Joshua Bates		Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick dispatch.
S'PORE, PENANG & C'UTTA	Clan Alpine (str.)	W. Beckett	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	On the 21st inst., at noon.
MANILA	Encarnacion	Gardogui	Hongkong	Remedios & Co.	Quick dispatch
Do.	Santa Ana	Cuesta	Hongkong	Brandao & Co.	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
YOKOHAMA	Labourdonnais (str.)	Fosche	Hongkong	Messageries Imperiales	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Vulcan (str.)	A. F. Christensen	Hongkong	Siemssen & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SHANGHAI	Bombay (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at noon.
Do.	Venus (str.)		Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Yesso (str.)	Ashton	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.

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tf 892 Hongkong, 14th May, 1870.

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100 BRASS BOILER TUBES, 5 ft. 8 in. by 2½ inches.

Apply to the undersigned.

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Auctioneer and General Commission Agent.

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tf 485 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

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Small Invoices of WIRE-ROPE, Boiler and Roofing Felt. Apply to

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tf 289 Hongkong, 19th February, 1870.

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tf 1694 Hongkong, 3rd September, 1869.

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tf 2368 Hongkong, 4th April, 1870.

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White and Coloured SOCKS, &c., &c.

tf 829. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1870.

FOR SALE.

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A SMALL Invoice of Crosse & Blackwell's STORES, consisting of:—

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tf 750 Hongkong, 21st April, 1870.

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BREAKFAST BEST CLARET, SHERRY, MUSCATEL, MALVAZIA, PORT, CHAMPAGNE, in pts. and qts.

GUEDES & Co.

tf 751 Hongkong, 21st April, 1870.

FOR SALE.

DOMECQ'S SHERRY, bottled by Henry Ritchie, in 1 and 2 dozen cases, and in Octaves and Quarter casks.

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Blanchy and Carenne's

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tf 214 Hongkong, 26th February, 1869.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.

DAVID COBSAR & SONS' Merchant Navy Boiled Long Flax Crown } CANVAS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

tf 1130 Hongkong, 11th May, 1867.

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tf 1610 Hongkong, 23rd August, 1869.

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tf 755 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

CARD.

W. H. FOSTER, JR., COMMISSION MERCHANT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, DECEASED.

LETTERS of Administration, with the will annexed, of the Estate of HENRY DAVIES MARGESSON, late of Hongkong and Macao, Merchant, deceased, having been granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, as Attorneys for the Executors, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts to the undersigned without delay, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof, with vouchers, to the undersigned (addressed to the care of T. G. LINSTEAD) on or before the Thirtieth day of June next, after which date no claims will be admitted.

Dated the Third day of December, A.D., 1869.

W. KESWICK,

T. G. LINSTEAD,

Administrators.

tf 2292

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tf 743] [Apr. 20

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tf 875 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

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Extracts.

The Situation in China.

(Cycle.)

At no period in the history of the world has a spectacle been presented precisely resembling that which we are called upon to contemplate in China at the present day. Were it possible to remove ourselves in imagination to a period still ten centuries in the future, we should be able to criticise, with the impartiality of unbiassed historians, the conflicting opinions and the just rights of all the parties to the struggle which is, sometimes silently, sometimes noisily, going on around us. Untouched by any feelings of personal or of national interest, uninfluenced by any consideration of the antagonism of races, we should, without fear and without prejudice, decide on the issues laid before us. We should, on the one hand, make due allowance for the energy and impetuous of those who saw before them an unlimited field for their exertions, and a vast store-house whence, under their direction and management, wealth untold and unspeakable should be derived. The influence of education in making them refer the solution of every question to a purely practical standard, and the influence of their innate sense of superiority in making them believe that their standard was the correct one, should each take its place among only the conditions of the problem. Further, we should discover that those who desired a radical change in the whole system prevailing throughout China were divided into many classes, each of which believed that that change could be effectually brought about only in that one way which happened to be recommended and enforced by that class or its representatives. Thus while one party extolled the influence of Christian preaching, another believed in the civilising tendencies of free trade, a third trusted to teaching the moral and political as well as the exact sciences by means of translations, a fourth insisted upon arsenals and dock-yards, schools and hospitals, as means of increasing the physical well-being of the nation, while a mixed multitude, without any very definite plan of operation, demanded that a fundamental alteration should be made in everything. But all were agreed that the change ought to come within a certain limited, though not rigidly assigned time. The critical historian would find in the subsidiary history of the period under review ample evidence to assist him that this desire for change did not arise from altogether selfish motives; but that th se who most earnestly expressed it honestly believed that they were recommending a panacea for all the acknowledged ills of the existing system. Every benevolent scheme designed to advance the moral or physical well-being of over so small a portion of the native population would be found to have had supporters eager to influence in every available way the common sentiment of the people. But were we in the enviable position we have imagined, we should review with wonder the marked indisposition to make allowance for Oriental torpor, for the prejudices of many centuries, and for the ignorance of principles which western nations had learned to accept without examination, but which a little while before were to them also very far from being axiomatic. On the other hand we should contemplate with dismay the discordant testimony of those who had professed to examine the customs of the people, their institutions, their national character, and their religious and moral tendencies. Upon such matters as the manners and customs, which would seem easy of observation, we should find native contemporary writers agreed. The nature and value of the literature would have given rise to as many opinions as there were writers. Meanwhile the men who in China represented the age that had successfully summoned Egyptian, Persian, Babylonian and Assyrian records from the grave in which they had long lain, would seem to have been almost powerless in the face of an actually living literature. Time, talents and energy lavished without result, would be our sorrowful summary of what had been done. The historian will look with keen interests for some intelligent account of the political and fiscal system of the empire during the nineteenth century. Here, alas, we shall be found to have ascertained and recorded little or nothing worthy of credence. At any rate whatever has been asserted by any one writer will have been contradicted by another. Of the traditions which so largely and so reasonably influence the character and conduct of every state, the writers and the actors in this century will have proved themselves profoundly ignorant. Hence our hypothetical historian will be filled with astonishment as he contemplates the sneers that greeted every effort at reform, and the doubts that assailed the reality of every struggle to shake off the weight of accumulated ages. Then, when it may be presumed the whole world will present a wide field of equal civilisation, it will appear a little thing that one nation was a few hundred years longer than another in reaching the desired level. We can hardly realise any loss as resulting from the fact that when Rome was the seat of civilisation and refinement, Britain was still sunk in barbarism. We have amply made up for our lost time; and ten centuries hence, our successors will see little reason to launch at the Chinese for the present limited views regarding politics, science and trade. It is thus by transferring our point of view that we are enabled to form such a correct judgment as under ordinary circumstances posterity alone can form. And again, if our imaginary historian were to turn his attention to the Chinese and their acts as they will appear recorded in the mouldy archives at his disposal, he would find evidence of conservation and liberalism distinguishing and separating various parties in the state in a manner not unknown in other parts of the world. He would find on the one hand a political sect of the empire, of the other, in the mandarinat, and, perhaps, the timidity of the liberals might arouse him as the obstinacy of conservatives. But he would recognize the existence of the two parties, and, tracing their struggles, would dispassionately discuss the modifications produced by each in the policy of the other, and point to the final result as not differing in any material particular from that produced at earlier periods in other countries.

Unfortunately, however, our personal interests are not easily to be eliminated, and practically it is impossible for us to place ourselves in the position of a historian. Yet, while it is universally acknowledged that progress is inevitable we need invoke no recondite principles of justice to prove that there may reasonably be at least two opinions as to the mode and the rapidity of that progress. Huge frame works are not easily injured, and if it be decisively objected that in this case the frame-work is tottering, the metaphor may be extended and the argument retorted. We are not indisposed to encourage and hasten every step in advance; but we are indisposed to attempt to force a whole nation suddenly to adopt a political creed which, up to a few years ago, had never been heard of, and which since then has been held to be heretical. As a body, foreignnations utterly distrust China, and maintain that they have cause. China, as a matter of fact, frames precisely similar propositions, transposing the subjects and predicates. She has heard and experienced something of foreign encroachment. She probably exaggerates her danger, but our conclusions on all subjects are more rational, and more indulgent to our adversaries, in proportion to the accuracy with which we realise the conditions that surround those who differ from us, the intellectual atmosphere in which they live, and consequently the point of view whence they are compelled to regard us and our opinions.

Bridget, having carefully studied the picture of the "Huguenot lovers" for some time, broke the silence by the question: "Is it choking of her he is?"

IRRITATED.—*Punch's* "He smole a chastly smile" and "Many a wink he wunk," have been imitated by a minstrel wit, who said, "You stepped a mournfand sail I nooze it."

A fellow in Indiana put one end of a gunbarrel in the fire and looked down the muzzle to see whether it was loaded. A coroner's jury decided that his suspicions were correct.

TORTURE IN SWITZERLAND.—Much indignation, it will be remembered, was expressed in Switzerland at the close of last year in consequence of the discovery that the practice of torturing prisoners to extract confessions still existed in Zug. The Federal Council was requested to institute an inquiry into the administration of justice in the different cantons, and has ascertained that judicial torture is received in three—Uri, Zug, and Appenzell—while in a fourth, Schaffhausen, it may be applied to criminals who refuse to plead. The Council has consequently desired the Governments of these cantons to take instant steps for the abolition of this barbarous relic of mediæval legislation.—*Globe.*

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c.

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TO LET,
With immediate possession.
A GOOD and LARGE HOUSE on the Praya Grande, at Macao.
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Monsieur P. DABRY, Consul de France
Canton;
B. CARNEIRO, at Macao.
And here, to A. B. VAUCHER.
tf 916 17th May, 1870.

TO LET.—A HOUSE, in *Wyndham Street*, with Stable, $20 a month, included taxes; without do. $33; Stable $7. Apply to
V. GUTIERREZ.
No. 26, Wyndham Street.
1w 960 Hongkong, 16th May, 1870.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
NO 1, Peckill Terrace, *Elgin Street.* Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 892 Hongkong, 30th April, 1870.

TO LET.
THE Spacious Family Residence in *Bonham Road*, lately occupied by H. McMURDO, Esq., with Stabling and Garden attached. Gas and Water laid all over the House and Offices.
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THOMAS WALLACE,
East Point.
tf 789 Hongkong, 27th April, 1870.

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From 1st June, 1870.
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Dividend.
MULLAH SIDE, *Bonham Road West*, containing 8 Rooms, Garden and Croquet Ground. Water laid on. Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
47, Wyndham Street.
tf 740 Hongkong, 30th April, 1870.

TO LET.
Possession on 1st May.
THE Offices at present in the occupation of R. McMURDO, Esq. Apply to
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tf 697 Hongkong, 8th April, 1870.

TO LET.
THE GODOWN and OFFICE ROOM of our Premises, facing *Wellington Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. GUBBES & Co.
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tf 1274 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

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For Particulars, apply to
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At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 829 Hongkong, 30th April, 1860.

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(With immediate possession).
THE commodious three-storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BONNETT & Co. Apply to
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tf 2348 Hongkong, 28th December, 1869.

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TWO FLOORS of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
tf 226 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

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IN various Parts of Hongkong: A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street.*
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tf 2347 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

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Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to
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SAIL MAKING.
WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING in all its branches, at his old place in *Dudell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.
He has on hand a fine assortment of 8 and 10 ounce RAVENS DUCK, suitable for Boat Sails or Awnings.
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THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons Arbroath.
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tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECURITY
SHOULD BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

THE Directors of the Royal Insurance Company have the pleasure of supplying, the following information to the public, as evidence of the ample security they afford to their assurers:—

THE CAPITAL
of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is
TWO MILLIONS STERLING.
The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows:—

Invested Funds of the Royal Insurance Company, 30th June, 1869.

Real Property owned by the Company	£219,371 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property	33,500 0 0
£20,000 Reduced 3 per cent. Consols	28,085 1 3
India Government 5 per cent. Debentures	100,000 0 0
English Railway Debenture Bonds	59,090 17 7
First-class English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	335,476 11 11
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts	145,569 12 6
Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	62,341 14 8
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co.	10,000 0 0
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	5,160 0 0
United States Government Stocks	101,330 7 10
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	31,166 11 6
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market values	477,195 0 0
Loans on Security of Life Policies	65,338 8 8
	£2,672,356 16 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified. In addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.
At 31st December, 1868, it was £168,089 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,

After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec., 1864 ..... £921,434 15 5
Added to 31st December, 1865... 103,145 7 3
" " 1866... 124,165 7 5
" " 1867... 128,383 5 10
" " 1868... 144,945 12 2
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital £1,122,270 8 1

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.

And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents.
2173 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 11, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.
ESTABLISHED 1821,
And empowered by special Acts of Parliament.
Subscribed Capital—£2,000,000, Sterling.

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tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

HAMBURG BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding Ten days } of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month } do. do.
Above 1 month, and not } do. do.
exceeding three months
Above 3 months, and not } do. do.
exceeding six months
Above six months the full annual rate.
WM. PUSTAU & Co., *Agents.*
tf 1667 Hongkong, 30th August, 1869.

NOTICE.
SUN FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month } of the annual rate
Above 1 month but not exceeding 3 months } ¾ do. do.
Above 3 months but not exceeding 6 months } ½ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
A. G. HOGG & Co.
Agents, Sun Fire Office.
tf 876 Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents } ½ per cent.
Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents, Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents } ¼ per cent.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 864 Hongkong, 7th March, 1868.

FORBES & Co.'s CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY,
AND
BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies, are prepared to accept risks on the usual terms.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 398 Hongkong, 26th February, 1869.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, } ½ per cent.
and their contents.
Other dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents, Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents } ¼ " "
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 886 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

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FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Warehouses, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships, Also, Ships Building, and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

Insurances.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
OF
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST,
A.D. 1720.

HEAD OFFICE IN LONDON
No. 7, Royal Exchange, Cornhill, E.C.
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The undersigned are prepared to issue Policies of the CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE, payable either here, in LONDON, at any of the above-named Agencies, and also at
Melbourne, Victoria—
Messrs. DALGETY, BRACKWOOD & Co.
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 146 Hongkong, 21st January, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION
LIFE ASSURANCES.
THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 1959 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 1959 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above CORPORATION are prepared to grant FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE on the usual terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 3028 Hongkong, 27th December, 1867.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.
137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1845.
THE Undersigned are authorized to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.
W. MACALLAY, *Agent.*
tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

NOTICE.
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents } 1 per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents } 1 per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents } 1 per cent.
Other Risks by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—
Not exceeding 10 days } ¼ per cent.
Not exceeding 1 month } 1 per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding } ¾ " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding } ½ " "
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.
ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
tf 1763 Hongkong, 28th September, 1869.

HONGKONG INSURANCE COMPANY, 1868.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to issue Marine Policies on the usual terms to the extent of £10,000, on any first class risk.
A. G. HOGG & Co.
tf 838 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding Ten days } of the annual rates
Not exceeding 1 month } ¼ do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months } ½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months } ¾ do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.
tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

NOTICE.
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding Ten days } of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month } ¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months } ½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months } ¾ do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 675 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 421 Hongkong, 9th March, 1868.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
ENGAGES EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCES.
Paid up Capital—$500,000.00.
THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 1222 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

Insurances.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.
SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
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